

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicants hereby elect the species of Species 1 (Formula (2) cited in claim 3), Species B (Formula (9), cited in claim 12), and an imide anion and a transition metal ion (claims 13 and 15-17) on which at least claims 1, 3, 12-13, 15-17, and 20-29 are readable, without traverse. The Examiner indicates that claims 1 and 20-29 are generic to all species. Applicants reserve the opportunity to file Divisional Applications for the non-elected species later.

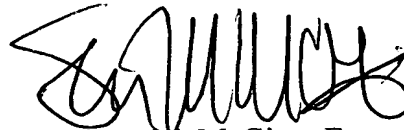
Further, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority documents filed on August 26, 2003.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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